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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2007 (Paper No. 20070906), Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.